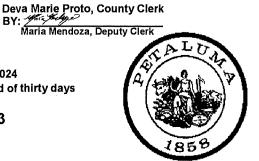
## RETURN TO:

City of Petaluma Public Works Department P.O. Box 61 Petaluma, CA 94953 This notice was posted on 04/11/2024 and will remain posted for a period of thirty days through 05/12/2024

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Sonoma County Clerk

585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103 Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Project Title:** Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Implementation Project

**Project Applicant**: City of Petaluma Public Works and Utilities Department

**Project Location:** Water Service Area, Petaluma, Sonoma County, CA.

Project Description: Upgrade the City's water meter reading technology from Automated Meter Reading (AMR) to Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). AMR requires City staff to drive by monthly to collect water usage, whereas AMI will enable water usage data to be transmitted to the City directly, eliminating the need for staff to drive by each meter. The work includes replacing the existing register and endpoint of approximately 18,500 water meters, obtaining their GPS location, identifying the pipe material of water service lines, and replacing the water meter box lid with an AMI compatible polymer lid. The project will establish a Customer Engagement Portal (CEP) which will enable the City to effectively detect leaks within its water system while allowing customers to monitor and track their own water usage.

## **EXEMPT STATUS:**

| Statutory Exemptions                   | Categorical Exemptions                        |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| {Article 18:Section 21080; 15260}      | {Article 19:Section 21084; 15300}             |  |  |  |
| [] Ministerial {Sec.15268}             | [X] Existing Facilities {Sec.15301}           |  |  |  |
| Feasibility/Planning Study {Sec.15262} | [X] Replacement or Reconstruction {Sec.15302} |  |  |  |
| [ ] Emergency Project {Sec. 15269}     | [] Small Structures {Sec.15303}               |  |  |  |
| [ ] General Rule {Sec.15061(b)(3)}     | Minor Alterations (Sec. 15304)                |  |  |  |

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of upgrading the existing water meters within the City of Petaluma's service area to the AMI technology. The project will reduce time, labor, cost, energy, and Greenhouse Gas emissions compared to the existing AMR system which requires Water Service Representatives to drive by each meter. Accordingly, there is negligible or no expansion of use beyond what currently exists, the AMI replacement will result in a benefit to the environment and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances or other factors that would make the exemption inapplicable pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2. Therefore, the project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 Existing Facilities and Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction. City Council approved the project on April 8, 2024.

Lead Agency: City of Petaluma Public Works, 11 English Street, P.O. Box 61, Petaluma, CA 94953

**Department/Contact Person**: Lucas Pereira, Assistant Engineer II **Phone** (707) 780-7910

Principal Environmental Planner, Planning Division

April 10, 2024

Date

|  |   |  | NUMBER:<br>12024-093       |                                    |  |
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| COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA   |   |  | DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-0411-02 |                                    |  |
| PROJECT TITLE ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI)   | IMPLEMENTATION PR                           | OJECT                                  | I                          |                                    |  |
| PROJECT APPLICANT NAME PROJECT APPLICANT   |   |  | EMAIL PHONE NUMBER         |                                    |  |
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| 11 ENGLISH P.O. BOX 61   | PETALUMA                                    | CA                                     | 94953                      |                                    |  |
| PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)  X Local Public Agency School District   | Other Special District                      | ☐ Sta                                  | ate Agency                 | Private Entity                     |  |
| CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:  Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)  Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment du  | ue directly to CDFW                         | \$4,051.25<br>\$2,916.75<br>\$1,377.25 |                            |                                    |  |
| <ul> <li>☒ Exempt from fee</li> <li>☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)</li> <li>☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)</li> <li>☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt cash)</li> </ul> | ору)  |  |                            |                                    |  |
| <ul> <li>□ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)</li> <li>□ County documentary handling fee</li> <li>□ Other</li> </ul>                                       |   |  | \$<br>\$<br>\$             | \$50.00                            |  |
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